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PROSPEROUS YOUNG VIRGINIAN BUYING IN THE ANCESTRAL HOME

Evident Movement for the Old Places in Eastern Virginia to be Rebuilt and Restored.

If any one thinks that in the rush for gain and prominence, the young Virginian has forgotten the traditions of his fathers and the long history of the State, he is liable to claim too much and be mistaken.

The young Virginian is succeeding. There is no question about that.

But the old home and the old days before the war are not forgotten.

And there has been a quiet movement in this State and in the entire South, to rebuild the Country into a semblance of its grandeur before the devastation.

All know how at the time of the war many of the handsomest places in the State were dismantled by Northern Soldiers, residences were burned, and rich plantations made almost a wilderness. All know, too, how in order to build these places up the ruined soldier often borrowed money and mortgaged them. Many of them had to be sold for debt and in one way and another passed out of the hands of the original owners. For a generation and more, some of them have remained in the hands of strangers but they are gradually being bought back by the prospering children.

Every day or so one reads of how some young man who has been successful in his business, has succeeded in buying in his ancestral home and was going to restore it to its former and even greater beauty. His father or his grandfather had to part with it but times are better with him and he will get possession of it and keep it in the family. His ancestors for several generations are buried there in the family burying ground and it makes him restless for the careless stranger to have possession of their sacred dust.

The movement is a general and good one, and will mean the rescue of the eastern part of the State where so many of the handsome ante-bellum homes were located.

STEAM COAL SUPPLY

It is Also Short, and Superintendent Knowles is Getting Uneasy.

It now looks as if there is going to be trouble in getting the steam coal which is used by the manufacturing plants. As the anthracite coal, there is only some 2,000 tons in the city, and this is selling at \$5.75 a ton.

But Superintendent Knowles, of the Light Department of the city, stated that he was very much afraid he would be compelled to go to Baltimore for coal which is in much better supply than in the city of Richmond.

The Light Department had a coal contract with the Chesapeake and Ohio Coal Agency for the supply of the gas plant for the year, but since the strike in the anthracite regions the market has become so much troubled as to make it impossible for this concern to abide by the contract and furnish gas coal at the figure agreed upon in the bid. Fortunately for them, there is in the contract a strike clause, which protects them in the present emergency.

Other manufacturing houses are experiencing some trouble, and it may be truly stated that the coal situation is at present in a deplorable condition and can be relieved only by a compromise of the strike in the anthracite regions.

A RAILROAD WAR

Wabash Resists Attempts of Lake Erie to Lay Tracks.
(By Associated Press.)

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Aug. 16.—All night long the forces of the Wabash and the Pittsburgh, Lake Erie railroads were stationed between the Atterbury Glass Plant and South First Street, and trouble was expected at any time, but the Lake Erie people did not try to break through the barricade, erected by the Wabash forces and there was no violence.

The Wabash people have their property surrounded by piles of lumber, iron, weapons and everything that will close out intruders and behind this breast-work were the Wabash employees, armed with pick-handles and other cudgels, prepared to resist any attempt of the Lake Erie people to lay their tracks over the property.

Early this morning the Commission wagon from the Wabash tunnel arrived and the men were given their breakfast. The police are keeping their eye on the scene, but so far there has been no trouble.

LEXINGTON'S SOCIAL LIFE

Enjoyable Hop in McCrum's Hall—Personal and Other Notes.
(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

LEXINGTON, VA., August 16.—A most enjoyable hop was danced in McCrum's Hall Thursday evening. Among the couples dancing were Miss Dana B. Moore, Mr. William Allan; Miss Eva Butler, with Cadet George Ross, of the Virginia Military Institute, Lexington; Miss Guendolen Howe, with Mr. Harman; Miss Martha Moore, with Mr. Charles Brockenbrough; Miss Ellen Rogers, with Cadet B. A. Anderson, of the United States Military Academy, West Point; Miss Louise Haskins, with Mr. R. H. Bledsoe; Miss Mary Ridgely, with Cadet William C. Anderson, of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg; Miss Deborah Laidley, with Mr. Arthur Campbell; Mrs. Clement A. Boaz, with Mr. H. C. Turner. The chaperones were Mrs. M. L. C. Wise, Mrs. J. G. Ridgely, Miss Helen Booker. Among the stages were Messrs. Barclay, Bledsoe, Tucker, Lynch, Dillon, Walker, Sommes, Larrick, Lynch, Polndext, McBride.

Thursday night a most delightful moonlight picnic to McCrum's Sulphur Springs, about ten miles from Lexington, was enjoyed by the following party. The party left Lexington during the afternoon and returned about midnight: Chaperones—Mrs. William Dickinson, of Charleston, W. Va., and Mrs. James Veech, of near Louisville, Ky.; Miss Nettie Platt, Miss Evelyn Nelson, Miss Sallie Lyle Preston, Miss Nettie Waddell, Miss Elizabeth Ross, Mr. Edgar Waddell, Mr. Frank Moore,

Mr. Nelson Myers, Dr. J. D. M. Armistead and Professor Harrington Waddell.

Colonel and Mrs. Edward W. Nichols, of the Virginia Military Institute, gave a watermelon party Wednesday night at their residence, on Letcher Avenue, in honor of Mrs. William Dickinson, of Charleston, W. Va., Mrs. Nichols' niece.

Among those present were Mrs. William Dickinson, of Charleston; Mrs. James Veech, of Louisville; Mrs. Field White, Mrs. M. W. Pratt, Miss Evelyn Nelson, Miss Elizabeth Ross, Miss Martha Campbell, Miss Edmondia Smith, Miss Elizabeth Preston, Miss Nettie Smith, Miss Sallie Preston, Mr. B. H. Waddell, Mr. Nelson Myers, Mr. W. E. Waddell, Mr. Frank Moore, Professor Harrington Waddell and Dr. Livingston W. Smith.

Lieutenant Edgar Hays, formerly of Jasper, Ala., now in the United States Marine Corps and stationed at Annapolis, is the guest of his old friend, Mr. B. G. Caldwell, of Glasgow, at his residence among the mountains there. Lieutenant Hays is accompanied by his wife, who was a Miss Quakerbush, daughter of Commander Quakerbush, of the United States navy.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. Roderick, of Baltimore, are the guests of Mr. Roderick's parents, Captain and Mrs. Jacob Roderick.

Dr. C. Graham Doid spent several days during the past week visiting relatives in Rockingham county, Va.

Mr. J. Lee Walz, of the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Walz.

Storm at Belona.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
BELONA, VA., August 16.—This section was visited last night by a severe rain storm. The rain fell in torrents and crops are seriously damaged.

Rev. M. B. Porter and Colonel R. G. Porter, of Greenville, Ky., are visiting their old home near here.

Mrs. Birch and daughters left yesterday for Richmond, after a stay of some weeks at Oak Grove Academy.

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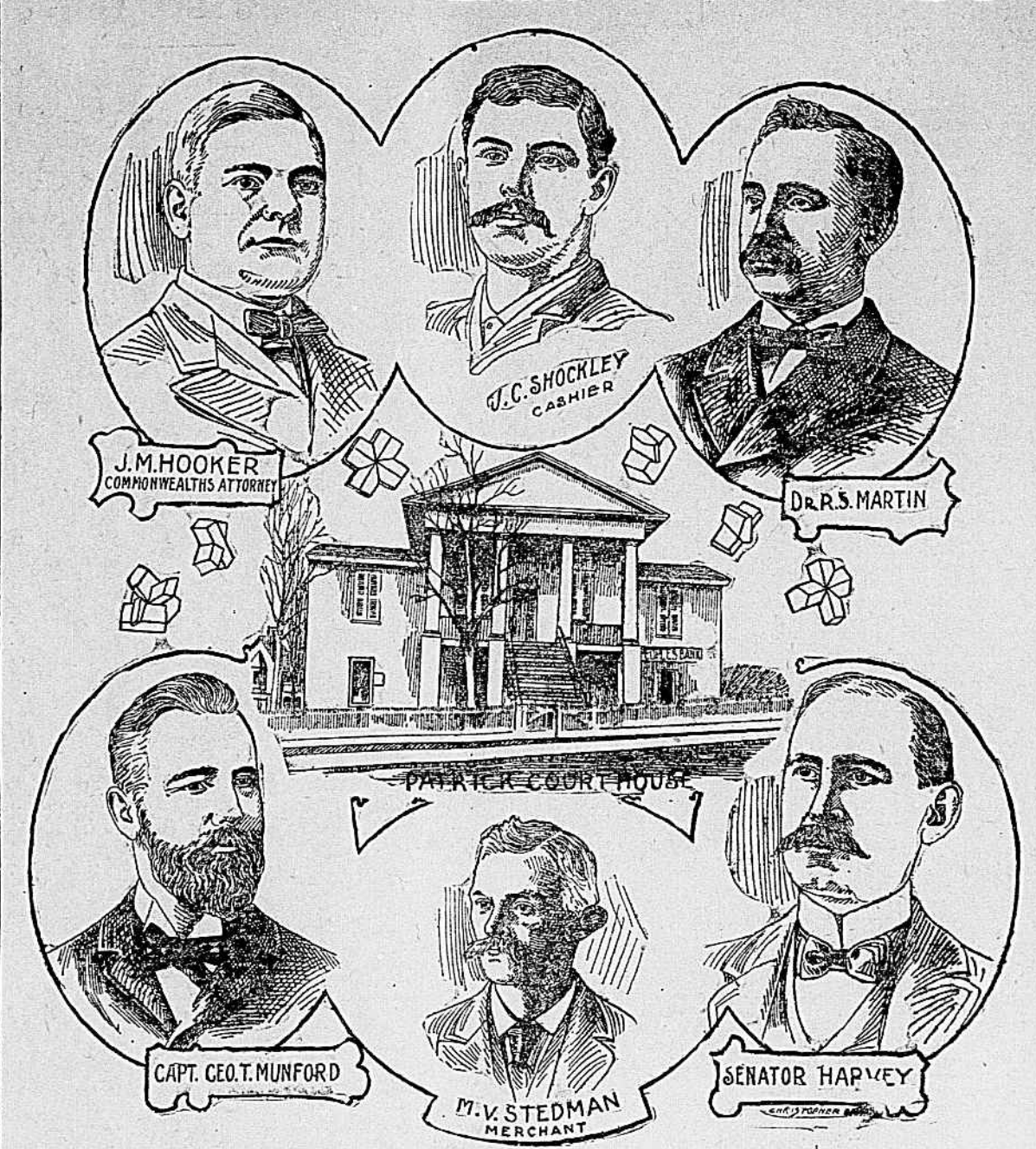
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THE GOOD COUNTY OF PATRICK UNDER THE PEAKS OF BLUE RIDGE



A Brighter and Better Day Dawning For This Section of the Old Dominion—Some of the Leading Citizens of Stuart.
The Fairy Stones and a Legend.

There goes a legend in the country round about that when the Saviour of mankind was crucified upon Calvary's brow, a celestial edict placed upon the fairy world the duty of announcing to humans throughout the whole earth, the death of man's redeemer and in that instant that man had found eternal life. Each fairy herald was to be furnished with a cross of indestructible stone as a symbol of truth and divine authority. A band of the most skilled artisans of the fairy world were instructed to carve in light and in preparing a sufficient number of fairy crosses that each herald might be at once supplied with the proper credentials.

This little army of mystic workmen, laboring by divine command for mortal good, made a quick and sure survey of the surface of the whole round world and in the twinkling of an eye made their wise selection and established their work shops upon the rough and rugged slope of a giant mountain in the good county of Patrick and the old State of Virginia.

EVIDENCE STILL VISIBLE.
It would be folly to question the truth of this bit of folk-love, for the evidence is still visible on this self same mountain side and what the eye can see the heart doth surely believe. Their great task the elfe made many crosses that were not quite perfect and these were left scattered on the ground and here many of them are to this day. Made by stone so hard that the hardest steel will not indent them; perfect crosses save for some slight flaw, which caused them to be rejected, no two alike; all nearly perfect and none larger than the end of a man's finger. And here they are in Patrick county to-day mute but interesting evidences of the good judgment of the fairies in selecting as the place where they would labor the spot where their happiness would be most complete and where their work could be better done. For here in the county of Patrick, under the peaks of the mighty Blue Ridge, close to the meadows of the Dan, they found that which adds even to the health and happiness of a fairy queen or to the robust constitution of the sovereign of the elfe. Here nature has declared her master-work and has touched the whole country-side with a hand of beauty. Here the fairies found stone as hard as adamant and as clear as crystal, and in abundant varieties from which to make their selection and here they found the virgin ore of iron, of copper, of silver and of gold from which to form their cunning tools.

They found, too, a climate almost perfect—never hot, but tempered even in mid-summer with refreshing breezes and protected so by mountain ranges that the force of the cold winds of winter are broken. The air on the hills of Patrick is free from contamination and is as pure as that of Eden itself, while the water, which gushes from mountain springs and rushes in sparkling streams, is clear, cold and pure. The outside world knows little of Patrick because through lack of railway facilities and by reason of its steep and rugged mountains, it has been inaccessible and its people in years gone by had become so accustomed to its beautiful scenery, its wealth of food, of soil and of climate, that they failed to appreciate how lavishly the hand of nature had blessed them.

BRIGHTER AND BETTER DAY.
But a better and a brighter day has dawned and old Patrick is shaking off the lethargy of by-gone years and beginning to assert herself and to claim her rightful position in the very front rank of the country of the Old Dominion—a position that is hers by reason of nature's own decree. She possesses unbounded wealth in her virgin forests. Her soil is rich and productive and her climate make possible the most abundant harvests of all the standard crops grown in other sections of the State. Her hills are simply bursting forth with the richest minerals, and, above all, it is Patrick that offers to the invalid and the convalescent such life-giving and tissue-building air, sunshine and water as to make the county a veritable haven of health and rest.

A comparatively new industry for Patrick, but one which is making rapid strides and which promises to be the leading industry of the county, is that of apple raising. Here are grown in the sheltered mountain coves apples of the finest quality, taste, and color and in a profusion that is almost bewildering. There are many orchards yielding now in the greatest abundance, and young trees are being planted by the

thousands. There are a number of orchards containing from three to five thousand trees, and one has as many as ten thousand, while a rich syndicate has recently bought the whole side of a mammoth mountain and are even now beginning their arrangements to plant one hundred thousand young trees. So fertile is the soil that the owner of a Patrick farm after planting his orchard, can easily make his farm, not only self-sustaining, but profitable by cultivating with small crops his orchard land while waiting for his trees to become productive.

BETTER RAILROAD FACILITIES.
The question of the inaccessibility of Patrick is rapidly being solved. The little narrow gauge railroad, which ran from Lanville to Stuart, the county-seat, is now owned and controlled by the Southern Railway, that mighty system that works such wonders in the development of lands and civilization. The narrow gauge, the present terminus and the placing of Patrick on a through line of travel. The work of rehabilitation of the D. and W. road has been in the able hands of Mr. J. A. White, the superintendent, and he has pushed it with such energy and ability as to prove himself a railroad man of great future, and his courteous bearing towards all with whom he comes in contact has endeared him to his entire constituency.

But Mr. White has not been alone in his efforts to put Patrick in closer touch with the world of trade and commerce. Many of her own citizens have put their shoulders to the wheel and are lifting all together in their efforts to place Patrick where she belongs in the line of Virginia counties. Many of her men are men of sterling character, of ability, of push and energy and possess an amount of patriotism, that would put to blush much of the boasted energy and patriotism of some of the cities of the State.

A SUCCESSFUL PHYSICIAN.
Among the men of the county is Dr. R. S. Martin, whose fame as a skilled surgeon and practitioner has gone beyond the borders of the State and whose business energy and ability is a by word in the county. Dr. Martin is president of the Medical Society of Virginia and secretary of the State Medical Examining Board. Dr. Martin conducts a sanatorium at his beautiful place near Stuart, where patients come from far and wide to receive the touch of his skilled knife or to be benefited by his medical treatment and to grow weak and strong in the pure mountain air and drink health-giving water. He is a prosperous farmer; a large apple grower; president of the bank and owns a pretty drug store. Among other prominent men in the county, who are making their impress upon the community and helping to forge the county ahead are County Judge John R. Moore, Commonwealth's Attorney J. M. Hooker, who was also a member of the Constitutional Convention, C. R. Martin, clerk of the court, and Sheriff R. J. Woolwine. There are in the county many prosperous and well-to-do farmers, apple growers, merchants and mill men.

Among whom are George W. Via, S. R. Akers, John R. Hooker, J. B. Blackford, John W. Fulton, C. H. Alexander, J. E. Foster, J. H. Ragelay, the Clarke brothers, one of whom, besides being a merchant and farmer, is editor of the county paper, the Stuart Enterprise. Among other prominent men are Hon. Samuel Lybrook, son of the late Judge Lybrook; Capt. George T. Munford, who represents large New York interests in the county, and who is a prince of good fellows and a royal entertainer; J. F. Perkins, State Senator E. J. Harvey, M. V. Stedman, I. C. Adams and T. L. Clark, chairman of the Democratic Committee.

The Stuart Business Men's Association is an organization of prominent men of the town and nearby country and is doing much towards advertising to the world the advantages of Patrick county. The members are in earnest and give freely of their time and money that the county may be benefited.

THE COUNTY.
Patrick county is situated in the southwestern portion of Virginia, and is the most western county of the State south of the Blue Ridge. It is irregular in shape, and embraces an area of about 453 square miles.

The Pinnacles of Dan, among the most beautiful of all mountain scenery, are about twenty miles from Stuart. Governor's Leap is about ten miles, and the celebrated and well-known Patrick Springs, about six miles. The soil of the county is productive.

The Blue Ridge forms the western boundary of the county. But and Carter's Mountain, south of the Blue Ridge, are situated respectively, northeast and southwest of Stuart, in beautiful view of the town. The county is traversed by Dan, Little Dan, Ararat, North Mayo, South Mayo and Smith's Rivers. All these rivers are small streams, but have numerous tributaries that check the whole face of the county.

Farming is the leading industry of the county. In the southern half of the county along next to the North Carolina line, the very finest tobacco is grown, while in all parts of the county wheat, corn, oats, grass and all kinds of garden vegetables do well.

Apple trees grow to an enormous size and live to an incredible old age in this county. Grapes, peaches and plums do well here. Cherries have frequently been known to grow to be an inch in diameter.

Especially in the northern portion of the county and on the Meadows of Dan, a beautiful plateau on and near the top of the Blue Ridge, stock-raising is a considerable industry, and with proper attention could be made profitable.

The minerals of Patrick county would be a source of material wealth if developed; consisting of iron (magnetic and hematite), which is the most abundant and useful, lead, gold, silver, copper (native and suboxide), rutile, corundum and most of the silicates of aluminum. There are also extensive quarries of very valuable building stone. The rocks of the county are granite, gneiss, talco-chlorite, slates and micaceous slates. There are numerous dikes of quartzite and porphyritic granite.

The forest growth of Patrick consists, in the main, of white oak and the other kinds of common oaks, walnut, poplar, pine, maple, ash, hickory, chestnut, beech, cherry, mahogany, sycamore, persimmon and other hard woods. Yellow poplar and oak timber for staves, framing timber, tan bark and cross ties are the leading, and hence the most valuable, products of the county and the supply, especially of framing timber, dry barrel staves, tan bark and cross ties, is practically inexhaustible.

The water power of the small streams of Patrick county is unequaled, especially for all manufacturing enterprises except the very largest kind. The people of Patrick are honest, reliable, hospitable, polite, generous and kind, and especially are they liberal in their hospitality to strangers. This is the universal verdict of those who have remained long enough to get acquainted with its citizens. The officers of the county are faithful and efficient, and in no county in the State is life or property more secure than in Patrick.

There are 106 public free schools in the county with a total enrollment of 14,641 pupils. Stuart Normal College, chartered about 1880, is located at the county

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WINNERS

of the Sunday Times Want Column
PROVERB CONTEST.

Another Contest To-Day—Seven Cash Prizes.

See Want Pages.

"Better late than never" was the proverb used in last Sunday Times want column proverb contest and the seven cash prizes were awarded as follows:

No. 1, prize \$2.00—Miss Mary Turner, No. 302 Williamsburg Avenue, city.
No. 2, prize \$1.00—Percy Hall, Ashland, Va.

No. 3, prize 50c—E. Ione Price, Globe, Va.
No. 4, prize 50c—Frank Tett, No. 915 Turpin Street, city.

No. 5, prize 50c—Jennie Askew, 105 North Twenty-ninth Street, city.
No. 6, prize 50c—Mrs. B. W. Wilson, No. 311 East Clay Street, city.

No. 7, prize 50c—M. Jones, No. 102 Marshall Street, Petersburg, Va.

Correct answers were also received from the following named competitors: Richmond, Va.—Lewis Twining, Percy F. Johnson, Miss Jane A. Goss, H. M. Dyson, Miss Mary E. Wilson, Mrs. R. M. Anderson, Miss Cassie Ware, Miss Juliet Anderson, L. A. Beddingfield, Master Willie Chatwood, D. R. Johnston, Benj. H. Turner, J. B. Beddingfield, Mr. B. W. Wilson, Richard Anderson, Mrs. M. W. Glass, Milton Elmore, Raleigh D. Glass, John Ware, Mammie Hall, Miss Eugenia Pollard, John Sharp, Miss Lulu D. Ward, Mrs. M. E. Taylor, Walter Taylor, F. H. Twining, Mrs. F. L. Twining, Mrs. A. A. McKay, Jennie Askew, Louise Hall, Miss Mary L. Smith, Edna V.

sent. It is an excellent school and does noble work in equipping teachers for their work in public free schools. There are 35 churches in the county and no home is farther than five miles from a church of some denomination.

THOUSANDS OUT OF WORK
One of the Results of the Merger of the Harvester Companies.
(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, Aug. 16.—The Inter-Ocean says this morning:

"Following the International Harvester Company's public declaration that economy in the manufacture and distribution of agricultural machinery was the motive for effecting the \$12,000,000 merger several of the Chicago Companies that make up the combine issued letters to their General Agents throughout the country, ordering a reduction of about three-fourths of the total number of employees representing these Companies in the field.

"The other Companies in the combination are preparing to follow their example. E. quality radical reductions in the office force are being planned by all, it is said, for the near future. Ten thousand men in all are expected to lose their positions.

SPECIAL EXCURSION TO NIAGARA FALLS.
Via R. F. & P. R. R. and Connections
\$13.50 Round Trip.

The Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad will sell special excursion tickets to Niagara Falls, N. Y., at rate of \$13.50 for the round trip from Richmond, as follows:

For excursions via Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, leaving Washington 8:30 A. M. July 3d and 10th, August 2d and 16th, September 25th and October 9th, and 5:00 P. M. August 30th, and for Pennsylvania Railroad trains leaving Washington 8:00 A. M. July 24th, August 7th and 21st, September 4th and 18th and October 2d and 16th.

For tickets and full information, apply to ticket agents, Byrd Street, Elba and Main Street Stations, or Richmond Transfer Company, No. 30 East Main Street, Jefferson Hotel and Murphy's Hotel.

W. P. TAYLOR,
Traffic Manager.

Stub Ends Of Thought.

By ARTHUR G. LEWIS.

How many well-tuned intellects get out of tune when some fool strums the strings of their conceit.

The fact of fiction existing helps half-hearted skeptics to doubt the existence of facts.

The exercise of too much diplomacy is an indication of too little sincerity.

There should be something left to the imagination and love; a consistent seasoning with the sauce of uncertainty.

Adverse criticism is often nothing more than a caricature painted by prejudiced conceit.

Secrets are syndicated by a breach of the trust that originated them.

The worst of woman's tears is responsible for many disasters in fact.

My mother was unknown to me, yet I look in the face of every good woman for her likeness.

Doubt is reason to the king of love, and fears are hopes devoid of faith.

Had the heart received one-half the cultivation of the brain, moral condition would have reached its zenith.

The acute development of feeling is only advisable in conjunction with complete mental faith and confidence.

The little white hands of women lead more men to hope and heaven than all the world's temptations drug to hell. How much possibility of real accomplishment is sacrificed upon the altar of imagination.

Miss Annie Tierney and Miss Netter Doherty, of this city will leave next Tuesday for Virginia Beach and Ocean View, where they will spend a couple of weeks.